

CUPS Assessment of Pediatric Fever		
Category	Assessment	Actions
Critical	Absent airway, breathing, or circulation; AVPU=P or U	Perform initial interventions and transport simultaneously; consider ALS backup if available
Unstable	Compromised airway, breathing, or circulation; AVPU=V or P	Perform rapid initial assessment and interventions; transport promptly; consider ALS backup if available
Potentially unstable	Normal airway, breathing, and circulation; AVPU=A with unusual agitation; history of fever with other risk factors	Perform initial assessment and interventions; begin focused history and physical exam; initiate transport promptly if risk factors are found
Stable	Normal airway, breathing, and circulation; AVPU=A; history of fever without other risk factors	Perform initial assessment and interventions; complete focused history and detailed physical examination; transport

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